New Haven Jan. 29. 1829. Thursday morning

My dear Brother

Your letter, which I conclude was written on the 2nd Dec. but which through mistake you dated on the 2nd Nov. was received here on the 23rd instant. It came to me enclosed in a letter from brother C— informing me of the receipt of your _preceding_ one to him which he said he did not send because it contained _secrets_. — It is unnecessary to tell you again of our unabated interest in your welfare & happiness, & perhaps even needless to assure you that the allusions of your last are calculated in no ordinary degree to heighten this feeling. Believe me my brother we are all deeply solicitous for the continuance of the brightened prospects opening upon you & our fervent wishes are that as years revolve you may find your dearest, fondest anticipations all realized. — Your friends, I know are all looking anxiously forward to your expected return, yet it is not to be supposed, it is not natural that they with families & consequent cares, should regard it with that intensity of feeling which I, (alone as I am,) experience. — The marriag of all my brothers has indeed left me in one sense alone, yet I feel that I have no cause for complaint since my lot is far more enviable than that of thousands. But notwithstanding my brothers are still affectionate & kind & my sisters equally so, there are hours & days ~~of~~ when sadness & a sense of desolation reign preeminent & I felt far less at variance with the world than with myself.

The best remedy for this depression is the idea of your return & residence in this country & its connection with my future life as I hope to spend some part of it at least with you, & to reap much advantage from your stock of knowledge & the accomplishments of sister Theresa

I came to this place about two weeks since leaving our Southington friends in very good health. Nothing of any importance had transpired there, subsequent to my last letter & I have not received intelligence of any thing since. C—'s letter to which I have before alluded seemed to have been written under the influence of good spirits & good feelings & by that I conclude they are getting on without me in a prosperous manner. He mentioned that Cornelia had given her doll the name of Betsey & pronounced the name plainly & repeatedly. There is there-fore some hope that the poor child will not so frequently be asked the question Why do you not talk? — — This family are all blessed with excellent health. William goes to school & is fond of it. He says he reads in 'direct'. Louisa does not go during the cold season. She is a perfect little 'chatterbox' & is never satisfied without knowing the reason of every thing. She is a pleasant & good tempered child. Edward is a fine little fellow, just beginning to walk, & no dis credit to the name. —— There seems to be a peculiar dearth of news at the present time, indeed I have scarcely heard an item that would interest you. N.H is very dull except among the fashionables, a wedding in that circle has been followed by balls & parties but of these things I know nothing save the facts that they have been. — — The citizens were however aroused a few nights since by an alarm of fire which commenced in the second story of a brick building on the north side of Chapel St. between State & Orange, occupied as a crockery store. It burnt six hours before the roof fell in, so that a greater part of the property was saved. The adjacent buildings were none of them injured, as a heavy rain was falling at the time. The building was so situated that had it been a dry & windy night property to a very large amount must inevitably ~~to~~ have been destroyed. The water in the Canal was of great service. The fire was not far from opposite to brother G—'s store but the weather being so rainy he did not apprehend danger

The medical profession have sustained an irreparable loss in the death of Dr Nathan Smith of this city. His death was caused by a paralytic affection. He died on Monday last, the funeral is to be attended this afternoon. — If this letter savours of that which you once said my letters sometimes did, I beg that your brotherly kindness will excuse it, for it has all been written without a fire, & it is so cold that I have been obliged to sit with my cloak closely wrapt about me in order to keep comfortable. even now my hand is so numb that it is with difficulty that I can hold my pen. — so for the present at least adieu.

Friday Morning. I was present yesterday at the funeral of Dr Smith. It was attended at the Center church where solemn & appropriate services were performed viz. a prayer by Pres. Day an address by Dr Knight &c. The latter gave a brief history of his life, & of his having risen almost from obscurity to the high station he occupied by his native energy, & by active laborious & useful exertion. He is universally mourned as he was equally the friend & benefactor of the rich & poor. He has left a large family in destitute circumstances.

Last evening I called at Mr Ethan Andrews. Mr A— enquired after you particularly ~~yo~~ & remarked that by your travels you had obtained what few did i.e. a wife.

We have had a very mild winter with the exception of a few of the first days of Jan which were very cold. The rodds have been in a fine state & no snow has fallen, indeed a part of the time it has been dusty as summer. — I have tried to prevail upon brother George to write you at this time, but as you spoke of writing to him next, he thinks he will wait the arrival of that & then write you a long letter. — You know his antipathy to writing as well as I do, & therefore know, that his silence may be attributed to that, rather than to any want of affectionate interest in you & yours. The case is similar with Charles, but as he has received yours I hope he may find it convenient to write. — The rebellion in Yale last summer has not been injurious to its interests its Freshman Class numbers 84. There are also 54 Theological students. The number of undergraduates is 325 — the total 474.

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I can think of little more to add as I hear of & see little to interest you. When I write again it will probably be from our *common home* the spot where my dearest & best affections & associations centre, & hallowed by many tender recollections.

Sister Sarah desires an affectionate remembrance to yourself & Theresa.

With the best wishes for your happiness & with warm & devoted affection I am ever your

Sister Elisabeth.

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